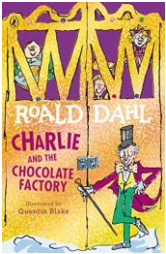


## YEAR 4 CURRICULUM SPRING TERM 2022

In Year 4, we are excited for another engaging term and a brand new set of topics, experiences and curriculum content.

### Spring Term Curriculum Focus

This term, we are looking forward to using Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' to inspire our writing and to develop our skills as confident and fluent readers. We will be learning about how chocolate is made and we will be creating our own chocolate as part of our design technology work.

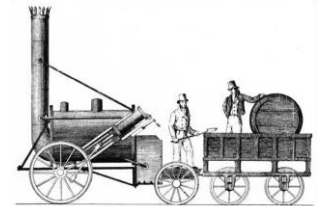


In Art, we will be working in the style of Quentin Blake, who illustrated many of Roald Dahl's stories.

In History, we will be learning about the history of the railways, including researching famous inventors and the evolution of locomotives over the years. We will take part in a virtual workshop by the London Transport Museum and learn to think like engineers.

In Science, we will be investigating Changes of State (solids, liquids and gases) including looking at The Water Cycle.

In Maths, we follow the White Rose scheme of learning and are continuing to develop our multiplication and division skills. We will then move onto looking at fractions and decimals later in the term.



### PE

Lessons are on **Thursdays** and led by Mr Buck/ Mrs Coleman. Your child should come to school already changed for PE on Thursday. Please ensure your child wears clothes that are suitable to the weather conditions. Appropriate PE clothing only. The children will be working on Multi-skills this term.



**Class starts** at 8:50, the children are allowed onto the playground at 8:40. We finish at 3pm.

**Contact:** If you wish to contact your class teacher please contact us via Class Dojo, email: [year4@leightonprimary.net](mailto:year4@leightonprimary.net) or in the case of an emergency contact the school office: 01733 232949

### Home Learning

Homework will be project based. These projects will link to different areas of the curriculum and allow the children to show off their talents in multiple ways. There will be more than one choice of activity to complete;

we would expect at least one activity completed; however it would be lovely to see children completing more than one. The homework will be in a folder and the children can ask the teacher if they need support or resources.

## Reading at home

It has been shown that reading regularly at home is the most effective way of helping your child to do well in school. Each child has a reading book at their own reading level to take home each day. These must be brought to school every day. We expect all children to read at least 3 times a week at home, and each time to fill in their reading records and have it signed by an adult, please. Your child will be rewarded with a reading certificate if they read regularly at home. Books are changed on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

## Times Tables

In Year 4, we are working extremely hard to learn all of our times tables up to 12x12. During the summer term the children will take part in a compulsory times table screening. This means it is imperative that your child is fluent with their tables from 1-12.

In order to give them the best possible chance, please practise the quick recall of times tables at home. Your child has an account with **TTRockstars** which we would like them to log onto and play at least 3 times a week and you can also play quick fire games over breakfast/ dinner/ before bed to improve the recall of these facts.

Free times tables practice at [www.times-tables.co.uk](http://www.times-tables.co.uk)

## Spelling and Vocabulary

We have adopted a new approach to spelling this year. This means there will be no weekly spellings to revise at home. The children will focus on spelling investigations in lessons and applying this to their writing. During these lessons, the children are introduced to 20 new words every fortnight. We spend lots of time discussing and investigating the meaning of these words, using them in context and embedding spelling patterns and rules.

## Positive Behaviour

A positive approach to behaviour and attitude are vital to better outcomes in education. The children in Year 4 are fully aware of the behaviour policy in school and understand the consequences of poor behaviour. We will inform parents of poor behaviour and all incidents of unacceptable behaviour are recorded in school. We want each and every child to enjoy their education at Leighton in a positive learning environment.

**Uniforms:** Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform; if you have any issues please contact your class teacher. We will be keeping windows and doors open to allow for good ventilation, so as the weather turns colder you may want your child to have a jumper / cardigan with them every day.



**Dates for your diary - More details about these events will follow via letters and emails.**

Thursday 3rd February	Harry Potter Book Night
4th - 22nd February	Winter Olympics
8th February	Safer Internet Day

<b>Monday 14th - 18th February 2021</b>	<b>Half term - no school this week</b>
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 4th March	London Transport Museum VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
<b>Friday 1st April</b>	<b>School finishes for Easter Holidays</b>

Thank you for all of your support,

Miss Guilfoyle, Mr Buck and the Year 4 Team.